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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO AUDIT

The Douglas R. Abrams building at one time housed the General Services Administration, the Department of Agriculture and the FBI. The Federal Government sold it to the City of St. Louis in 2006.

Internal Audit and Federal Grants Move

The long awaited move has happened. Internal Audit and Federal Grants under the Comptroller's Office have moved to 1520 Market Street. The two sections will be housed in The Abrams building in Suite 3005 where each unit will have much more space and natural lighting to work in.

"The project has come in under budget and earlier than expected because of good management and control of spending," says Elaine Spearman, Legal Advisor and Chief of Staff for the Comptroller's Office.

Internal Audit and Federal Grants will move a total of 24 employees over from the Carnahan Building. The Public Defenders Office working with the courts system in that location needs the office space.

The Abrams Building, purchased by the

City of St. Louis in 2006 is the new location for the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, St. Louis Agency On Training and Employment (SLATE), Multigraph and Neighborhood Stabilization.

"The building should be ninety percent full by April 2012," says Jim Garavaglia, Asset Manager for the Comptroller's Office. "The two sections joining us will cover approximately 5000 square feet of space."

It is the hope in the Comptroller's Office that constituents will be better served with the move of these departments to this location.

New phone numbers for Internal Audit and Federal Grants can be found on the City of St. Louis intranet home page.



Comptroller Receives Award for Excellence

The Comptroller's Office has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA, the Government Finance Association of the United States and Canada. This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. "This is the 24th consecutive year the city has received this award," said Beverly Fitzsimmons, Accounting Manager for the Comptroller's Office. This award was presented to Darlene Green in August 2011. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals in the country.



Comptroller's Blood Drive Surpasses Goal!

Dr. Charles Drew was an African American who pioneered discovering ways to preserve donated blood and established the first American Red Cross blood bank.

St. Louis, MO, August 23, 2011 – The annual American Red Cross' Charles Drew Blood Drive held Friday, August 19, 2011 was a huge success! This blood drive sponsored by Comptroller Darlene Green commemorates the work of Dr. Drew an African American who pioneered how to preserve donated blood.

The goal this year for the annual drive was to get at least

33 pints of blood. City Hall employees helped to surpass that, giving 36 pints.

Alicia Smith, Program Manager Diversity Initiative for the American Red Cross said this year's annual drive brought in six first time donors. She also said that they had to turn some prospects away for these following reasons.

"Iron deficiencies are major, especially in women when it comes time to give blood.

Women should have at least a 12.5 iron rate when they come in to donate. High blood pressure is another reason people are turned down. You don't want to top out over 180 or bottom out over 100. Also the kinds of medications people take are important to know when giving blood," says Smith.

The Comptroller thanks all the City of St. Louis employees and residents who gave the gift of life this year.

Employee of the Month



Olena Opachevsky, Accounting Coordinator working in the Financial Reporting/TIF section for the Comptroller's Office. Opachevsky has been with the City of St. Louis for 3 years, from the Ukraine and 18 months ago became a United States citizen. Congratulations!!!!



New Arrival



Congratulations to Sharon Holloman, Clerk Typist, Central Business Index for the Comptroller's Office. Holloman's new grand-baby's name is Amorrie' Larissa Leonard, born August 8, 2011.

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Citywide Mobile News

When you are on the go working outside of City Hall CIN Community Information Network announced that people who go to the City home page using mobile devices (iPhones, Android phones or Blackberries) will be redirected to the mobile website. This website is meant to offer the full functionality of the full website, and to make it easy for mobile users to access information they might need while on the go. To this end, the mobile interface is simplified and contains slightly different options. Mobile users can still access the normal website by going to "Switch to full site" in the footer. Any questions please email cin@stlouiscity.com.

HAPPY BIRTH DAY

For those born in September



5 Judy Armstrong
6 Mike Cook
9 Robin Boyce
11 Antwain Gilmore
11 Angela Johnson
16 Elaine Spearman
17 Beverly Crawford
18 Eunetter Steele
20 Jim Garavaglia
21 Michele Graham
24 Craig Frazier

Charity Drive



Eileen Gassel and Keith Vernell will be the dynamic duo heading up this year's annual Charity Drive. Each year City of St. Louis employees are asked to give to their favorite nonprofit through payroll deductions. The drive ends October 19th. Please send your forms with your marked contributions to Gassel in Room 311 or to Vernell at the Muni Garage.